

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

April 12, 2020



“Rising Up to New Life”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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www.fumchurch.com



Sunday Services

Worship: 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 AM



WORSHIP SERVICE

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

Prelude

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

The Apostles' Creed

Opening Prayer

*Praise and Worship

"Death Was Arrested"

Proclamation and Response

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 1– 10 (CEB)

Sermon

"Rising Up to New Life"

Pastor Denny

A Message from the First Church Staff

*Praise and Worship

"Living Hope"

Time of Prayer

Announcements & Offering Video

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

"He Lives"

*Blessing

Postlude

**As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*

LEADING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship/Music Leaders..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Caleb Flick

Sound & Media Jason Kichline, Ron Nichols, Elijah Ometz

“Rising Up to New Life”

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. (verse 1)

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary experience new life:

1. They feel the _____.

Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. (verse 2a)

2. They see the _____
_____.

Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. (verse 2b)

3. They hear the _____.

The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. (verse 4)

But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn’t here, because he’s been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. (verses 5-6)

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. (verse 8)

4. They touch the _____.

But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. (verse 9)

5. They take the Good News from the _____ into the _____.

Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there.” (verse 10)

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of April 12



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>“Rising Up to New Life”</i>
Monday	Acts 10: 34-43
Tuesday	Psalm 118: 1-2; 14-24
Wednesday	Colossians 3: 1-4
Thursday	John 20: 1-18
Friday	Matthew 28: 1-10
Saturday	Rest and Reflect



First News First

Weekly Edition

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The fact that we cannot gather physically right now is challenging, but it does provide us with the opportunity to build new habits that can become part of our daily lives! Consider some of the ways that you might engage in the following spiritual disciplines during this season of solitude – deepening our commitment to these practices will draw us closer to Christ and increase the fruit we bear, which will provide a powerful Christian witness to our community and glorify God!

Lifelong Learner

Use our **Bible reading plan** to remain in God's word daily as we focus on our sermon series, "Giving it up: Our Journey to the Empty Tomb" during Lent. This reading plan is available on our church website at fumchurch.com.

Check out the **YouVersion Bible app**, available for both android and iOS smartphones/tablets, or on your laptop at bible.com. There are many wonderful devotional studies, including many for Lent. You can create groups to study, chat with friends and share prayer requests.

Although our **Bible study groups** are not currently meeting face-to-face, we are using Zoom video conferencing to carry on! If you are interested in joining any of these ongoing groups, please call or email Tina Eaton so that she can provide you with more details:

- **The Power of Knowing God**, a men's group Precept Bible study, meets at 6:15 pm on Sunday nights. Runs through May 3.
- **Breaking Free from Fear**, a Precept Bible study, meets at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings. Runs through May 7.
- **Alpha Course**, a study that answers the fundamental questions of our Christian faith, meets at 9:30 am on Sundays or 6:45 pm on Wednesdays. Runs through the week of May 3.

Our **Wednesday evening men's group** is still meeting, using Zoom video conferencing. Their next meeting is April 15 at 8:00 pm. Please contact Barry Eaton if you are interested in joining.

Praying Follower

Hospitalized: Tammy Dougherty, Chris Ingraham

Recovering at Home: Jack Koser

Looking to deepen your prayer life? All are invited to join our weekly **Wednesday Prayer Group!** Pastor John will lead and share meditations from the Celtic Daily Prayer book, and all are welcome to join him "in person" online at 11:00 am or pray "in one accord" on your own using the resources he provides. Please contact Pastor John if you would like to participate.

We invite you to use any of the **Prayer Guides** posted on our website and spend more personal time in conversation with God and/or pray together with those at home with you. Praise God for who He is, confess your sins and ask forgiveness, practice gratitude by thanking God for what He has done and ask God your requests.

If you have not already done so, sign up for our **weekly prayer email** so that you can receive a list of praises and requests from our church family. Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com to share requests and to sign up for this once-a-week list.

If you are on Facebook, you can request to join our private Facebook page, **“First Church Forum”**, and share praises and prayer requests there.

Passionate Worshipper

Whether you are home alone, or are home with your family, we can virtually gather on Sundays to **worship** together! We invite you to light a candle, symbolizing the presence of the Holy Spirit, and connect to the worship service posted on our church website, www.fumchurch.com, or our Facebook page, *First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg, PA*. Sing, pray, hear the message proclaimed and continue to respond through your weekly giving.



Eastertide (also known as Eastertime or the Easter season) begins this Easter Sunday as we joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please invite others and join us for:

- Easter Sunrise Service, streamed live on our Facebook page from the Mechanicsburg Cemetery at 6:30 a.m.
- Easter worship in our sanctuary (recorded and available on our website or Facebook page). Tune in to hear the culminating sermon, “Rising Up to New Life” (based on Matthew 28:1-10) in our current sermon series, “Giving it Up - Our Journey to the Empty Tomb”.
- April 19 Worship - "We Are Easter People" (based on I Peter 1:3-9)
- April 26 Worship – We invite you to join us online for **Disability Awareness Sunday** on April 26. The team from our Rejoicing Spirits service will lead us in worship that Sunday. In addition to this special service, a free webinar about Alzheimer’s will be offered on April 27 (see details in the Relationship Builder section).
- May sermon Series – “A Beautiful Day”, based on the values taught by Mister Rogers. Digs into the Biblical mandate to love one another, showing gratitude and acceptance of our differences, being able to forgive and see the good in everyone, and more!

Dedicated Missionary

Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ will continue to **collect food** for local families through April 29. Drop off on Wednesdays at 1050 S. York Street between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in their parking lot. *List of items:* canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned or pouches of tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned soup, single serve box or bowl of cereal, individual wrapped snacks such as crackers, chips or pretzels. Please only pick up items when you are already at the grocery store and don't make a special trip. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com. Thanks for your support!

We are asking all who can to help us fill our **Little Free Pantry** – the food is going fast and your donations are needed. Go to our church website for information on what you can donate and contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com if you have questions.

If you have not already done so, sign up to receive our periodic “**Service Opportunities**” email. Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com to share opportunities and to sign up.

Relationship Builder

The **Harrisburg District Spiritual Enrichment Day** scheduled for Sunday, April 19 has been **CANCELLED**.

Alzheimer’s and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. Join us on Monday, April 27 at 6:30pm for a Health and Wellness webinar, **Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s**, presented by Nancy Rouch, Penn State Extension – Cumberland County and Alzheimer’s Association Community Educator. During this webinar you will learn how to recognize common signs of the disease; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer’s Association resources. Register with the link on the church website, www.fumchurch.com or call 1-800-272-3900 (You will be provided the meeting code after registering. An active email address is all that is needed to attend).

Church is not a building, but the people within! While we continue to worship at home, we encourage you to reach out to one another with phone calls, emails, texts, prayer, cards and notes! When someone from church comes to mind, reach out! If you learn of a prayer concern or practical need, or if you would like suggestions of who to reach out to, please contact Janice Bowen.

Despite our present circumstances, we still have opportunities to offer **hospitality** to strangers, which is a ministry of service that requires a genuine love for God and the people He places in our lives. Kindly allow someone else to have the last pack of toilet paper at the store or offer to run an errand for an elderly community member. Send meals from local restaurants to hospital staff, nursing home workers, police, etc. Think of small ways to show the genuine love of Christ to all!

If you use **Instagram**, be sure to follow First Church at fumchurch and stay up to date on all our special services, events, and activities.

Generous Giver

We encourage you to continue to respond through your weekly giving. **Offerings** can be mailed in to the church office. Alternatively, you can securely give online through our church website or our VANCO Financial “GivePlus” app. Please contact the church office for more details on electronic giving.

Thank you to everyone who has donated clothing to the Community Aid bin on our property. **Community Aid is temporarily closed, therefore, we are NOT accepting any donations to our bin.** Please hold on to your items until the bin is reopened. We will inform you when Community Aid starts collecting again. Thanks for understanding!

CHILDREN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Safe Training- All Volunteers who help in the children or youth areas should be watching their email for the new on-line Safe Sanctuary training. You will receive an email with a link to the training. The email will appear as it is coming from Pastor Denny. Anyone working with children or youth in any capacity is required to complete this valuable on-line training.

ZOOM With Us- Watch your email for some times we set up on Sunday (not Easter Sunday) afternoons to ZOOM with your kiddos! We are also sending a Bible story and some follow up questions we can discuss during our ZOOM times.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help us **stay connected** with you!

Follow us on instagram: fourgyouthministry

Request to join our FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group

Join our **Remind text list** - Text @4Gyo to 81010

Watch these platforms and your emails for **opportunities to connect and learn** with others!



Get your registrations in now to hold your place for this season's wonderful life-changing experiences!

Remember to **sign up early** for the up coming SUMMER CAMPS and RETREATS.

First church will pay for half camp fees upon request.

Registration Reassurance

We are deeply sensitive to the fact that families are wondering if they will lose their deposit and registration fee if they register now and the summer camp event is cancelled or participation prohibited due to COVID 19 restrictions. **You will not.** The only cost to a family would be if there is a card transaction by a service provider. Families are invited to sign up for camp now, but not pay any camp fees until after June 1, 2020 if that is preferable for you. NON-COVID-19 cancellation policy remains in effect.

Camper Scholarship Fund

It remains our desire that all children and youth be able to attend camp and retreat events, regardless of their ability to pay. Through generous donors, funds exist to assist families who do not have enough to cover the full camp fee.

NOTE: Please provide registration confirmations to the camp coordinators so that everyone receives a prayer partner.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or Amy Ogden at amy.ogden7@gmail.com.

Special Message Regarding Personal Information Security

Attorney General Josh Shapiro has alerted us that, unfortunately, scammers are taking advantage of the public during this COVID-19 pandemic. This may come in the form of fraudulent emails, phone calls or text messages regarding your federal stimulus check, your healthcare or fraudulent services stating that they can help you with unemployment claims. Please be very protective and wise when giving out any private and personal information. You can sign up for text alerts, which offer tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of a scam and warn about new scams, at <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/consumer-alerts/>. If you fall victim to a scam, you can file a complaint by visiting <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/scams>.

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